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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. MURCHING ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/496,068

Filed: FEBRUARY 1, 2000

Title: A PROCESS TO EXTRACT REGIONS OF HOMOGENOUS COLOR  
IN A DIGITAL PICTURE

Examiner: C. LAROSE

Art Unit: 2623

Response to Office Action

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action mailed on February 28, 2002 for which a shortened statutory period of three (1) months ending April 28, 2003 was set in which to respond, please consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants request a three-month extension, ending on June 28, 2003, to respond to the mailed Office Action.

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Please incorporate the elements of dependent Claim 2 into Claim 1, as indicated.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 110**Complete if Known**

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1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 760	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	-20 **	=	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-3 **	=	0		0
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<b>LARGE ENTITY</b>		<b>SMALL ENTITY</b>			
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20			
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
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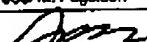
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 630	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
1503 820	2503 515	Plant issue fee	
1480 180	1480 180	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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